



Mohawk Trail State Forest

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2023 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. **All programs meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted.** An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon advanced request. For all programs wear sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing for weather, bring ample water and snack. Severe weather cancels program. For more information call (413) 339-5504.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

NATURE CENTER, 8:30—10:00 a.m. & Friday afternoons
Located at the state forest entrance, a historic and rustic CCC-built lodge. Exhibits explore the park story. Meet the Park Interpreter to discover more about the park and plan your visit or best day hike.

THURSDAYS

OLD-GROWTH TREK: DUNBAR BROOK, 1:00—4:00 p.m.
Ages 8 to adult. Hike the Dunbar Brook Trail in Monroe State Forest. A **moderate** brookside trail to rare, ancient forests. 2 mile educational hike with option to explore further for incredible vistas. Trail can be narrow and very steep in old-growth section; hiking poles recommended, but not required. **Meet at Dunbar Brook Trailhead.** Use GPS for directions to *Dunbar Brook Trailhead on River Road, Florida, MA* — 25-minute drive from Charlemont center

FRIDAYS

FALL COLOR HIKE: TOTEM TRAIL, 10:00 a.m.—noon
Ages 6 to adult. Experience fall foliage! Moderate hike under sugar maples with a view of the eastern hills at the overlook. **Meet at Day Use Area on Route 2, one mile west of Park Entrance.**

FRIDAYS

TREES OF PEACE TOUR, 3:00—4:30 p.m.
Ages 6 to adult. Mohawk Trail State Forest famously features the tallest trees in the entire Northeast. Marvel at magnificent, uniquely towering white pine trees. Learn why they are so important to our forest ecosystem and American history. An uphill hike! About 1.6 miles. **Meet at Nature Center near Park Entrance.**

SATURDAYS

READING THE FORESTED LANDSCAPE, 10:00 a.m.—noon
Ages 8 to adult. Guided tour along the Mahican-Mohawk Trail allows you how to identify plants & animals, and read its ancient and recent history through its landscape. A great start for a longer hike through the park, or by itself as an educational nature walk. **Meet at Trail Parking Lot on Route 2 at Park Entrance.**

SUNDAYS

GRAND TOUR: TODD MOUNTAIN, 10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
Ages teen to adult. The state's tallest pines! Mountain vistas! Old-growth forests! This is the ultimate Mohawk Trail State Forest experience; the best way to see its most impressive features. There-and-back trail follows easiest route up Todd Mountain, but is continuously uphill and relatively steep during last mile — a 1,000 foot elevation gain. Packed lunch & ample water recommended; hiking poles helpful. **Meet at Zoar Picnic Area.** Use GPS for directions to parking at *Zoar Picnic Area, Zoar Road, Rowe, MA*. Ten minute drive from Charlemont center.

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SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
See our Special Programs calendar for unique events at the park! Mushroom hunts, ghost town tours, history hikes, and special challenges for adventurers of all ages.

coming events